

connivance of police personnel.

(c) The Delhi Police conduct raids as and when reports of illicit trade in liquor are received. During the years 1996 and 1997 (upto 31st January, 1997), 43 cases were registered and 44 persons were arrested from Majnu Ka tila. Similarly, 58 cases were registered and 60 persons were arrested from Yamuna Pusta during the same period. If any police official is found to be involved in such illicit trade, appropriate action against him is taken. During 1996, departmental inquiry was initiated against three police personnel alleged to be involved in such illicit trade.

Observation Homes

606. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :

SHRI CHUN CHUN PRASAD YADAV :
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether a number of inmates of the two observation Homes in Delhi escaped recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of the inmates escaped from the observation homes in 1995 and 1996;
- (d) whether any inquiry into the circumstances leading to their fleeing from the homes has been conducted by the Government
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes.

(b) (i) On 6.1.97, 19 inmates escaped from Observation Home for Boys-I, Delhi Gate, out of these, 11 were brought back into the Home.

(ii) On 26.1.97, 88 inmates escaped from Observation Home for Boys-II, Magazine Road, out of these 54 inmates have been brought back into the Home.

(c)	1995	1996
DHB-I	4	24
DHB-II	100	5

(d) Magistrial inquiry was ordered by the Govt. of Delhi in the 1st case and a Departmental inquiry was ordered in the 2nd case.

(e) In both the cases of escape in the year 1997 the inquiries revealed a prima-facie negligence on the part

of the security staff. The reports have suggested various measures to upgrade security in these Homes.

(f) One official from observation Home for Boys-I, Delhi Gate and 5 officials from Observation Home for Boys-II, Magazine Road were placed under suspension. Various steps have been taken to upgrade the security in these Institutions.

Pollution in Cities

607. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :

SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK :

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- (a) the precise permissible limits of various air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, suspended particulate matters, particulate lead, sulphuric acid etc. in metropolitan cities of the country;
- (b) the extent to which these pollutants exceed the permissible limits;
- (c) the precise permissible limit of the noise pollution in these cities and the extent to which it exceeds the permissible limits;
- (d) the extent to which the climate change is responsible for causing the cardiac disorder;
- (e) the extent to which the recommendation made in the Agenda 21 at Rio Summit have so far been implemented in the country in this regard;
- (f) the ill effects of exceeding limits of the pollutants and noise pollution on human health; and
- (g) the details of cooperation sought/received from the foreign/international agency to deal with the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) The National Ambient Air Quality Standards for various air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, suspended particulate matter, particulate lead etc. is given in Statement-I enclosed.

(b) Monitoring of air quality levels in ten metropolitan cities indicate that the levels of suspended particulate matter (SPM) encountered in Delhi, Calcutta and Mumbai exceed the prescribed limit but the levels of sulphur-dioxide and oxides of nitrogen are within the permissible limits.

(c) The ambient quality standards in respect of noise level is given in Statement-II. The noise pollution studies